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Concerns and Celebrations

Our congratulations to **Randy Hammer**, Pastor of United Church (Chapel on the Hill) Oak Ridge, TN, on the publication of his book *52 Ways to Ignite Your Congregation: Practical Hospitality*, published by The Pilgrim Press. Randy, recently called to United Church (Chapel on the Hill), Oak Ridge, TN, a community church, not affiliated with the United Church of Christ last served First Congregational UCC, Albany, NY.

We welcome **Mike Hickcox**, installed in his specialized ministry by the Alabama-Tennessee Association at their Annual Meeting on April 24th. Mike has been called to serve in the United Methodist Resources Audio Division, headquartered in Nashville. He is a member of **Brookmeade Congregational UCC**, Nashville.

Congratulations to **Anita Hauenstein**, called by the Southeast Conference to her ministry as a therapist in private practice in Nashville on the occasion of her installation at the Alabama-Tennessee Association Annual Meeting, also April 24th. Anita is the leader of the **Nashville Comma Connection** and a member of **Brookmeade Congregational UCC**.

Dorinda Broadnax was renewed as a licensed minister of the UCC on April 24th by the Alabama-Tennessee Association. She described her ministry as an interim minister at **Village Christian Church (DOC)** in Auburn, AL, her campus ministry at Alabama State, her pulpit supply at **First Christian Church (DOC), Montgomery, First Congregational UCC, Talladega, First Congregational UCC, Montgomery**, as well as her continuing work with **Community Congregational UCC, Montgomery**. Her license was renewed for three years.



Cindy Andrews-Looper, pastor of **Holy Trinity Community UCC**, Nashville, was approved for a renewal of her license for ministry for three years. Cindy is one of three candidates in the Southeast Conference for privilege of call leading to recognition of her ordination under the new terms of the Ministry Issues Pronouncement Implementation. She reported to the Church and Ministry Committee of the Alabama-Tennessee Association that the congregation now has over 17 small groups meeting across the greater Nashville area, that they were proud to have grown from 90 members three years ago to having 485 people in

worship on Easter Sunday. They are now in the process of seeking a new and larger location so that they can continue their growth.

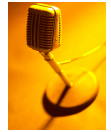
Christophe Ringer, pastor of **Howard Congregational UCC**, Nashville was approved for a three year renewal of his license for ministry. He noted that the congregation continues to grow and be revitalized, that they are attracting student from nearby **Fisk University** who are drawn by the values and mission of the United Church of Christ. Their worshipping congregation has grown from 15-20 to 40-50 weekly.

Reginald Holloway, pastor of **First Congregational UCC, Talladega** who also renewed for licensed ministry by the Alabama-Tennessee Association. He reported that the church is celebrating 141 years of caring and sharing throughout 2009, and has undertaken renovations to the property. They have a TAP class and have enjoyed a renewed sense of purpose in their ministry.



Ben Rose, member of **Central Congregational UCC**, was approved for ordination at an Ecclesiastical Council of the Georgia South Carolina Association on April 4th. Ben is called to ministry as chaplain with **Transitions Hospice Care**. His service of ordination will take place at **Central Congregational UCC**, June 21st at 5:00P.

Karen Mann, student in care in the Georgia-South Carolina Association, and **Music Director** at **Kirkwood UCC**, a new



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church start, announced the birth of Ella Grace, on April 21st, her daughter with her partner Bones.

Allen Mullinax, Director of Music at **Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta**, and a UCC minister in private practice shared the news that his mother died following surgery on April 30th. The funeral is scheduled for May 2nd.

If there is news that you wish to have shared with others in the Southeast Conference family, please contact Tim at tdowns@secucc.org.

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